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Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 4, line 8 in the specification with the following, new paragraph:

Turning now to all of the drawing figures, indicated generally at 10 is a cage-like load-transporter which is constructed in accordance with a preferred and best-mode embodiment of the present invention. Transporter 10, which is also referred to herein as being a machine liftable and maneuverable device, is designed for handling, and for promoting the installation-site delivery, and precision placement and alignment, of elongate building-frame beam components, such as uni-linear I-beam components 12, and T-shaped components (like the one shown at 14 in Fig. 3), during construction of a plural-story building frame, such as the one shown generally and fragmentarily at 16 in Fig. 2. What is referred to herein later as an installation site in frame 16 is shown generally at 16A in Fig. 2. Representative T-shaped beam component 14 is formed as an assembly of right-angularly intersecting cap and stem sub-components 14a, 14b, respectively. Beam components 12 include long axes, such as that shown at 12a in Fig. 1 for one of these components, and a beam component 14 includes cap and stem long axes 14a₁ and 14b₁, respectively, as shown in Fig. 3.

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Please replace the paragraph which begins on page 5, line 3 in the specification with the following, new paragraph:

As can be clearly seen, transporter 10 has a very simple and straight-forward open-framework, cage-like construction. This construction includes (a) a space referred to herein as a worker occupancy volume, or space, 10a which is horizontally “floored” by panel-like floor structure 10b,

(b) floor-perimeter wall structure 10c which effectively defines the entire perimeter of space 10a (though it could be made partial-only, if desired), and (c) an overhead load-support deck structure 10d which defines a generally horizontal support plane 10e (see especially Figs. 2 and 4) for supporting handled beam components, such as previously mentioned beam components 12, 14. The term “floor perimeter” employed herein is defined to have an adjectival meaning which refers to a structural disposition relative to the perimeter of a floor.

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Please replace the partial paragraph which begins on page 6, line 13 in the specification with the following, new partial paragraph:

Corner-bracketing central region 26 are four relatively tall (perhaps about 7-8-feet) uprights, such as those shown at 32. It is to the tops of these four uprights that deck 10d is attached -- this deck herein being formed, at least partially, as an open-framework pair of laterally spaced, generally parallel and horizontal beam-like elements 34 whose long axes are shown at 34a. Rigidly attached to one set of ends of elements 34 are two, short, obvious-function “load-stop” risers, or riser structure, 36. Pivotaly attached at the other set of ends of elements 34, for limited swinging in a vertical plane about a generally horizontal axis 37, is a somewhat U-shaped structure 38 which is considered herein to be a part of support deck 10d, and which functions in this deck as a laterally deployable lateral extension. Extension 38 is formed as an open-framework structure, and includes two beam-like elements 38a which are united through an elongate, beam-like cross-piece 38b

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Please replace the subparagraph which begins on page 8, line 4 in the specification with the following, new subparagraph:

(b) T-shaped beam components, such as beam component 14, are preferably each handled with its cap sub-component 14_a long axis 14_{a1} disposed across and substantially normal to the long axes 34_a of deck elements 34, and with its stem sub-component 14_b long axis 14_{b1} disposed across and substantially normal to the long axis 38_{b1} of extension cross-piece 38_b. This is a very stable handling position for such a beam component.